



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Kingsland CE (VA) Primary School



The Kingsland Times

Friday 4th February 2022

Let your light shine

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Let your light shine on our vision:

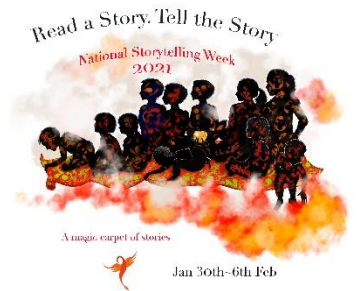
As God’s children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.

Our Christian value for this half-term is **JUSTICE**

Please help your child to reflect on the importance of this Christian value.

Life at Kingsland CE Primary School: life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

This week we have been celebrating **National Storytelling Week**. A number of school governors and members of the local community kindly recorded themselves telling a story from a picture book which all the children watched and listened to each day. Each class then held discussions about the story and explored the issues and morals raised. With many thanks to Helen Webb, Julie Read, Viv Webb, Wendy Maddocks and Jean Barbour who led the storytelling sessions, and to Miss Powis for organising the project. This is yet another example of the strong and healthy links between the school, the church and the local community.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
15 th and 16 th February	Parents' Evenings
WB 21 st February	Half term
Friday 4 th March	World Day of Prayer (Y6)
7 th – 13 th March	Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival
WB 14 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 16 th March	Whole school visit to Croft Castle
WB 28 th March	Y6 bike-ability
Friday 8 th April	End of term / Easter Service in Kingsland Church
Monday 25 th April	Start of the Summer term

The full 2021 - 2022 term dates can be found on the school website following the link:

<https://www.kingslandceprimary.com/term-dates/>

Term dates for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 are also advertised on the school website.

This week's attendance					
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	School total
83.33%	94.06%	94.14%	93.82%	93.43%	92.21%



An update from the school governors: this week the **Safeguarding committee** met to discuss all aspects of safeguarding children, including Covid-procedures and Safer Internet Day plans. The **Finance and Premises committee** also met, covering areas of school life such as budget monitoring, financial benchmarking and IT provision.

Congratulations go to the following children who have received Headteacher's Awards:

Imogen, Austin, Lucy, Olivia, Martha, Niamh, Toby, Matilda and **Ella** for super brochures about dog rules; **Harper** for fabulous reading and picture matching; **Bonnie** and **Lexi** for super progress and effort with handwriting; **Harry** for super independent writing; **Finn** and **Pixie** for great writing about bats; **Eva** for super science work about the digestive system; **Nora, Ava, Madeline, Emmy** and **Ben** for fabulous writing about a toy shop – well done!



Every Friday, a child is awarded with "The Maths Rock" – this is given to a child who has worked especially hard in maths during the week. This week's winner is **Sydney** ... Well done!

House Tokens

Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!

Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Lucy Harry Henry Owen	Ronnie Sophia Harley Evie Maisie	Matilda Pixie Eva	Aidan Madeleine Edie Seth



Big Question

We continue our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. This week's BIG QUESTION is:

How could you be a courageous advocate?

Growth Mindset – webinar for parents

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we have been developing a deeper understanding of **GROWTH MINDSET** and the 'POWER OF YET', pondering on the research of psychologist Carol Dweck. We talk with the children regularly about developing **resilience** and **perseverance**, where making mistakes is a positive way of sustaining deep and embedded learning. We are, therefore, delighted to promote the webinar for parents below, delivered by Stride Active, and would encourage as many parents as possible to engage with the concepts:

Helping children grow through the language we use: Parents' Webinar

Thursday 10th February 2022 – 8-9pm

Join Tim and Shell as they discuss **how our language as parents can help (and sometimes hinder) the growth of our children's resilience, emotional wellbeing and self-esteem**. Using a combination of theory and first-hand experience, Tim and Shell will unpack some of the main headlines when it comes to how and what we communicate to our children.

<https://strideactive.org/events/childrens-mental-health-week-2022-parents-webinar/>

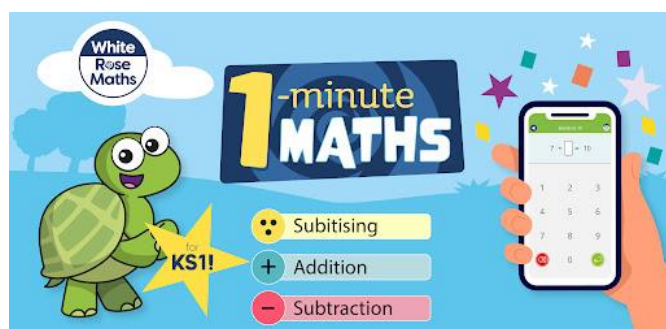
New Lunch Menu

A new lunch menu will be starting after February half term – children will be bringing home a hard copy of the new menu in book bags today.

1 Minute Maths App

There is a new Maths app published by White Rose Maths Hub which we recommend you consider downloading and using with your child. It is called 1-Minute Maths and is aimed at KS1 children. We understand it will be updated regularly with new mathematical concepts. Please find the link below:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>



Courageous Advocates

Class 5 children have been considering how to become passionate **courageous advocates** – some are playground leaders, some are singing leaders and some are prayer-writers for Worship Times. After watching an episode of Newsround at lunchtime, Lilly and Eva reflected deeply, writing ...

Did you know, a volcano has erupted in the ocean, near the Pacific Island of Tonga?

The eruption caused a huge plume of ash, steam and gas to rise from the ocean. The large waves prompted tsunami alerts to be issued to countries as far away as Chile and Japan.

A prayer for those affected:

Dear Lord,

Please help the people who have been affected by the disaster in Tonga. We pray for the people who are unable to see their friends and family at the moment and unable to attend school or work. Give us all strength to support all those that have been affected. Lord be with us and help us rebuild peace.

Amen

Kingsland Millennium Green Trust

Two vacancies have arisen for the roles of **trustee** and **treasurer** for Kingsland Millennium Green Trust, the charity which has responsibility for the maintenance of our wonderful Green. The only real asset required for this role is common sense and an interest in ensuring that the Green remains the wonderful asset that it is to the village. It would entail attending about five meetings a year, and the occasional email if there is a matter that needs to be dealt with before a meeting.

It should be noted that the maintenance of the Green is totally funded by voluntary contributions received from within the Community. No funding is received from either the Parish Council or Herefordshire Council in respect of ongoing maintenance. The Trustees are extremely grateful for the continued support for the Green from the residents of Kingsland and the surrounding area, either in financial terms or volunteering help.

If you are interested in either of these roles, or require further information, please email the honorary secretary to the trustees, Andrew Parsons, on kmgsecretary@outlook.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival

Once again, we have received a fantastic response from children who would like to take part in the HPAF – 43 children will be learning solo and shared poems, which represents over a quarter of all the children in school. Poem classes will be held on 7th – 10th March.

The school choir has also entered the HPAF and will perform on Friday 11th March.

In due course, we will be seeking assistance from parents with transport to the different venues. If you are able to help, please keep these dates free in your diary.

Class 1: Chinese New Year

This week, Class 1 children have been learning about Chinese New Year, including designing dragon masks and performing a Chinese dance, as well as cooking stir fry and taking part in Chinese music compositions.



Elgar in Hereford Award – 1st Prize

We are delighted to have been awarded 1st prize in the Elgar in Hereford Award! On Wednesday, we welcomed Mr David Packman, Chair of the Elgar Society, who presented the school with a cheque for £150 – well done everyone! We were joined in assembly by two school governors, Wendy Maddocks and Sebastian Bowen, and demonstrated what fabulous singers we are at Kingsland School.



Leominster Food Bank

We will be offering School Holiday food bags to families this half term holiday to help anyone who might be finding things difficult. We are aware that families eligible for Free School Meals will be offered food vouchers from Herefordshire Council so these bags are particularly for people who might not access a voucher and who live in Leominster or its surrounding villages.

Bags will include a range of food and will be given per family rather than for an individual child. Any family wishing to book a bag will need to do so by going to tiny.cc/holidaybag to book a slot or email leominsterfoodbank@gmail.com. Please think of others before booking a bag if you won't make use of it.

Pick up slots can be booked for either Friday 18th February between 1.30 and 2.30pm or Friday 18th February between 6pm and 7pm from The Old Priory Rooms, Leominster HR6 8EQ next to Leominster YHA Youth Hostel (and behind the Priory Church). Please drive very slowly on approach to the building. Search 'Leominster Food Bank' on Google maps to find it.

Any bags not collected will be offered to other families.

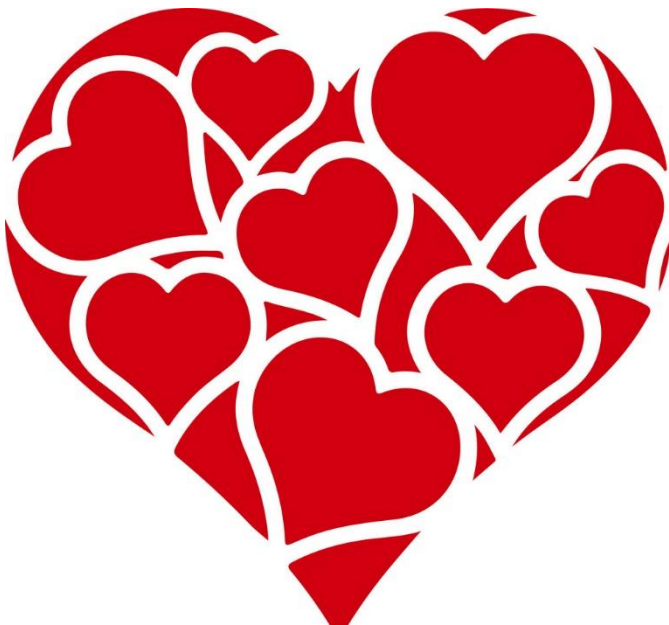
Parents' Evenings

We look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evenings on 15th and 16th February. If you have not already booked a slot, please follow the links on the recently-sent emails. We are aiming to be able to invite two parents, but we ask that face masks are worn inside the school building. Your child's books will be available to view when speaking with their class teacher. We shall be asking parents to wait outside (unless pouring with rain!) to minimise the number of people in the building at any one time.



Messy Church!

Sunday 6th February 9.30am



February brings St Valentine's Day! So, what is love? Not just the mushy, romantic love we celebrate that day, but the love we share with family, friends and our pets. The love that God has for us, his children. Come and search for the meaning of love in lots of messy and creative ways!

Join in breakfast - sausages, cocoa pops and more!

All children with any members of their families welcome!

Meet at Kingsland Church. Please let Julie know if you are coming so that we can cater for enough people, including any food preferences or intolerances!

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This half term's Christian value is:

JUSTICE

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for JUSTICE

Father God, You take care to listen well to people, especially those that are vulnerable. You are passionate about seeking JUSTICE for everyone. Give us wisdom when we need to make decisions. And when we get it wrong, give us the humility and courage to say sorry. Amen.

Christian Value Family Reflection

Welcome to our Christian Value Family Reflection which offers some suggestions, thoughts and ways into exploring and reflecting on the value of this half term: **JUSTICE**

A reflection on JUSTICE by Wendy Maddocks, Foundation Governor, Kingsland Church

It's not fair! It's not fair that I have to go to bed first just because I am the youngest. It's not fair that my friend finds reading really easy but it takes me half an hour to read a page. It's not fair that she always gets picked for the football team but when I kick a ball my football boot comes off and goes further than the ball ever does! It's not fair!

We all feel injustices in our everyday life and sometimes they are just because we are impatient to grow up or we want to be good at everything. We may be feeling that it is not fair that, in order to protect us from Coronavirus, our schools have had to close or that we can't hug our grandparents.

I want to remind you about a girl called Malala. She was born in Pakistan and when she was 11 years old, new rulers took over in her region of Pakistan and decided that girls could no longer go to school. She spoke out, doing a blog to tell everyone how unfair it was. In 2012, when she was just 15, a masked gunman got on her bus and shot her. These are Malala's words:

'I woke up 10 days later in a hospital in Birmingham, England. The doctors and nurses told me about the attack — and that people around the world were praying for my recovery.'

We sometimes feel as children that nobody listens to us and we can't do anything to change things. But Malala spoke out about injustice. Even though she was just a child, people all over the world listened to her. In fact, BECAUSE she was 'just a child' it made her message even more powerful.

We read a story in Mark's gospel in the Bible of people bringing children to Jesus:

'... the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said, 'Let the children come to me and do not stop them'.

God hates injustice, as these verses in Psalm 82 remind us:

'You must stop judging unjustly. Defend the rights of the poor and the orphans, be fair to the needy and the helpless'.

Brave people all over the world stand up for JUSTICE. Men and women, black and white, rich and poor, old people and children. Never think that your voice will not be listened to because you are not the right type of person. From local things, like someone being bullied in the playground, to global things like animal cruelty, we all have a voice and need to speak up if we see things that are unfair. Malala's actions changed the law in Pakistan. What will you change today?



**Developing our
reading fluency and
comprehension.**

**Developing our
resilience and
never giving up.**

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'Let Your Light Shine'



What are our aims for this year?

**Developing a sense of
passionate service and
courageous advocacy.**

**Developing our
mastery of number
and number sense.**